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ECLIPSO--HERO AND VILLAIN *in* ONE MAN!



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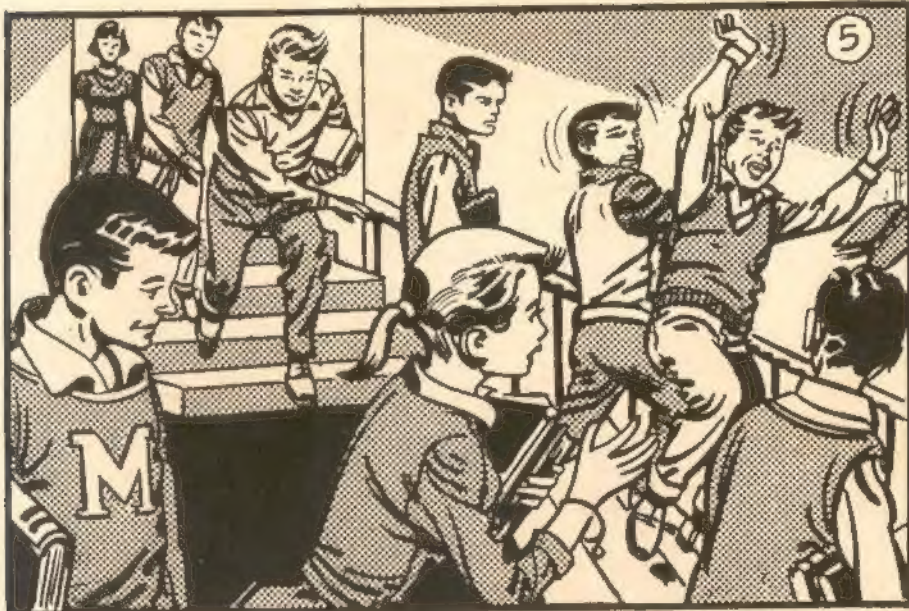
**REVOLT
of the MORLOO!**

I AM NO LONGER
UNDER YOUR CONTROL,
DOCTOR 7--I WILL
DESTROY BOTH
YOU AND
MARK MERLIN!



WHAT'S WRONG *with* THESE PICTURES?

(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL, UPSIDE DOWN)



- ANSWERS :**
1. SOMETHING IS *VERY* WRONG WHEN NOBODY GETS UP TO GIVE A SEAT TO AN OLD MAN, OR A WOMAN LOADED DOWN WITH PACKAGES;
 2. TRAMPING OVER FLOWERBEDS AND BUSHES SHOWS DISRESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY;
 3. DARTING ACROSS A STREET FROM BETWEEN TWO CARS IS A HAZARD FOR BOTH PEDESTRIAN AND MOTORIST;
 4. BEING A LITTERBUG DOESN'T HELP KEEP YOUR CITY CLEAN;
 5. IT'S NOT ONLY RUDE TO CROWD AND PUSH--BUT DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS.

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DOCTOR-7, NOTORIOUS KING OF THE SUPERNATURAL, RETURNS AGAIN TO MENACE THE WORLD-- WITH THE HELP OF HIS ALLY FROM A WORLD BEYOND, THE FANTASTIC MORLOO! AND THIS TIME, EVEN MARK MERLIN'S MASTERY OF THE OCCULT IS FUTILE--UNTIL DOCTOR-7 IS FORCED TO JOIN HIM IN AN AMAZING ALLIANCE TO STOP...

THE REVOLT OF THE MORLOO

GREAT SORCERERS, ELSA! DOCTOR-7'S HAD THE MORLOO LURE THOSE PEOPLE INTO THE RIVER WITH A PROMISE OF ETERNAL YOUTH--AND THEN TRAPPED THEM!

HA, HA, HA, HA!

HELP! HELP!

OH, SAVE US! HELP!

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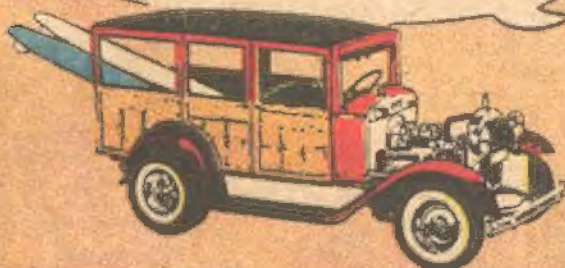
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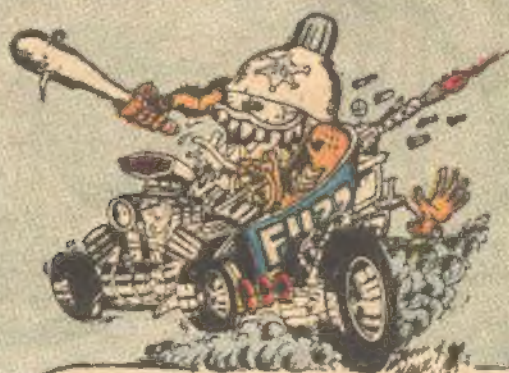
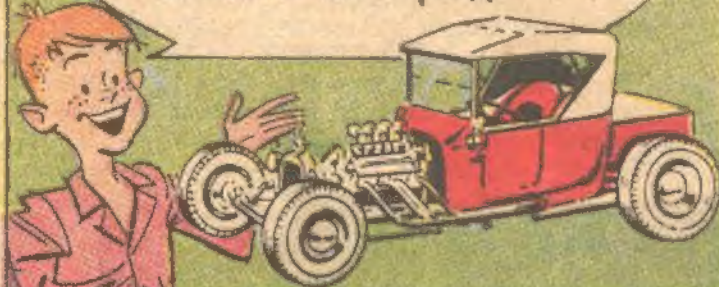
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MEANTIME, IN HIS MYSTERY HILL MANSION, MARK MERLIN, DARE-DEVIL ACE OF THE OCCULT, LABORS LATE IN HIS LAB...



NO! IT'S STILL NOT RIGHT! BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT CLICK-- BECAUSE ONE OF THESE DAYS I KNOW I'M GOING TO NEED IT!

AS MARK IS INTERRUPTED BY HIS LOVELY FIANCEE AND SECRETARY, ELSA...

MARK, HONEY, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THERE'S ANOTHER FORMULA YOU'VE GOT TO MIX? YOU KNOW: GIRL PLUS BOY -- ADD MOON -- RESULT ROMANCE...!

NO, DARLING, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN...



BUT IT'S TIME RIGHT NOW TO PHONE THE WARDEN AT STATE PRISON TO SEE HOW MY OLD FOE, DOCTOR-7, IS BEHAVING! WOULD YOU DO THAT, HONEY, WHILE I WRESTLE WITH THIS ANTIDOTE POTION?

REALLY, MARK MERLIN! SOMETIMES I WONDER WHAT I SEE IN YOU BESIDES YOUR LOOKS, BRAINS, CHARM, AND TALENT!

SHORTLY...

YOU CAN RELAX, MARK! THE WARDEN SAYS DOCTOR-7 IS A MODEL PRISONER-- SPENDS A LOT OF TIME GROWING VEGETABLES AND FEEDING STRAY BIRDS...

THAT'S GREAT, ELSA!



BUT SUDDENLY, A LOOK OF SHOCK FREEZES HIS HANDSOME FEATURES...

BIRDS? THAT'S PART OF DOCTOR-7'S FORMULA FOR BRINGING BACK HIS INCREDIBLE SUPERNATURAL ALLY... THE MORLOO!



IN A FEW MOMENTS, A SLEEK SPORTS CAR BURNS UP THE MACADAM...

BUT, MARK, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR DOCTOR-7 TO PUT TOGETHER THE MORLOO FORMULA INSIDE THE PRISON!

IS IT, ELSA? A PIECE OF A MURDERER'S CLOTHING... THAT'S EASY TO GET IN A PRISON! A RARE BIRD FEATHER... THAT COULD BE WHY HE'S FEEDING STRAY BIRDS...!

YES, MARK, BUT AN ANCIENT RECEPTACLE AND RADIUM TO MAKE THE MORLOO'S APPEARANCE PERMANENT WHERE WOULD HE GET THEM?

I DON'T KNOW-- BUT DOCTOR-7'S THE MOST CUNNING MASTER OF THE SUPERNATURAL I'VE EVER TANGLED WITH! I ONLY HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!

SCREECH

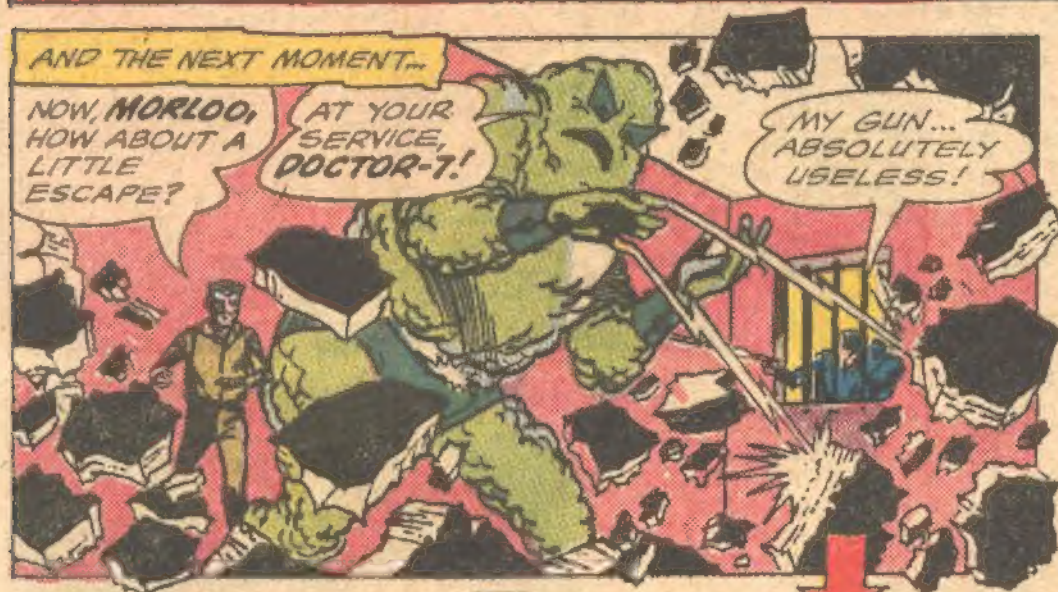
BUT YOU ARE TOO LATE, MARK-- FOR AT THIS MOMENT...

COME, MY PRETTY, COME TO DOCTOR-7 THAT'S IT--!

THERE! MANY THANKS, MY FEATHERED FRIEND!

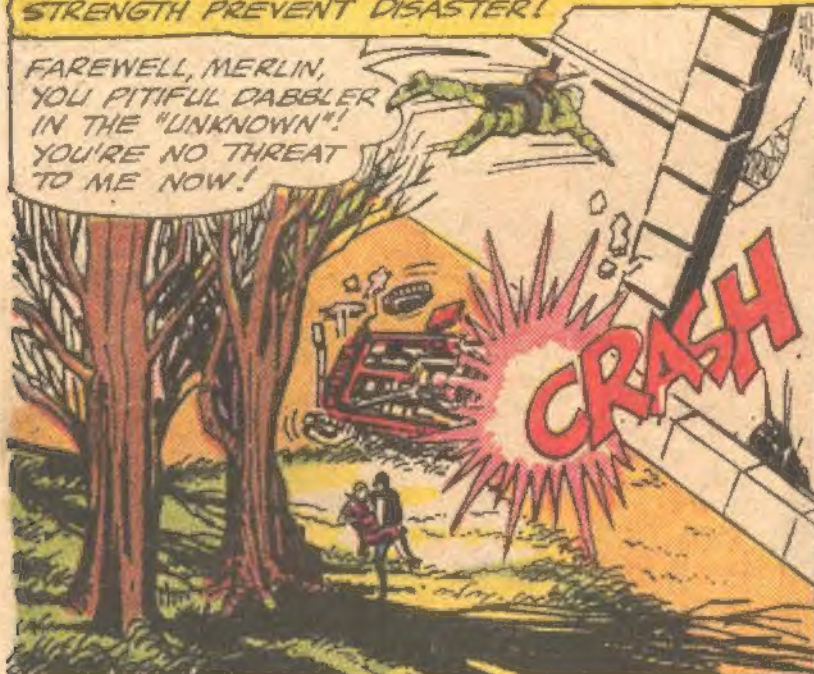
LATER...

NOW I HAVE THEM ALL! THE PIECE OF A MURDERER'S CLOTHING, A RARE BIRD FEATHER, A TINY VIAL OF RADIUM SMUGGLED IN BY AN ACCOMPLICE-- AND WHEN THEY'RE ALL MIXED IN THIS ANCIENT INDIAN JAR... THEN...!



ONLY MARK'S LIGHTNING REFLEXES AND SINEWY STRENGTH PREVENT DISASTER!

FAREWELL, MERLIN, YOU PITIFUL DABBLER IN THE "UNKNOWN"! YOU'RE NO THREAT TO ME NOW!



AND THEN...

I... I'M ALL RIGHT, DARLING... BUT DOCTOR-7 AND THAT TERRIBLE MORLOO ARE LOOSE ON A HELP-LESS WORLD!

HURRY, ELSA! WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE LAB! IT'S THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE!



HURRY, MARK MERLIN -- FOR AT THIS MOMENT...

BEHOLD, ALL OF YOU! I AM ABOUT TO GIVE YOU ALL THE GIFT OF ETERNAL YOUTH!

WHO'S THAT CHARACTER? AND LOOK AT THAT BIG FREAK WITH HIM! MUST BE A CIRCUS STUNT!



HEY, THAT BIG BUSTER KNOCKED THAT OLD MAN INTO THE RIVER -- GET 'IM!

RELAX, YOU IMPETUOUS FOOLS! YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE THE MIRACLE OF THE AGES!



THEN, AS THE MORLOO THRUSTS ONE ELONGATED ARM INTO THE SWIRLING WATER...

YEEOW! LOOK-- THE OLD GUY-- TURNED YOUNG AND HANDSOME!

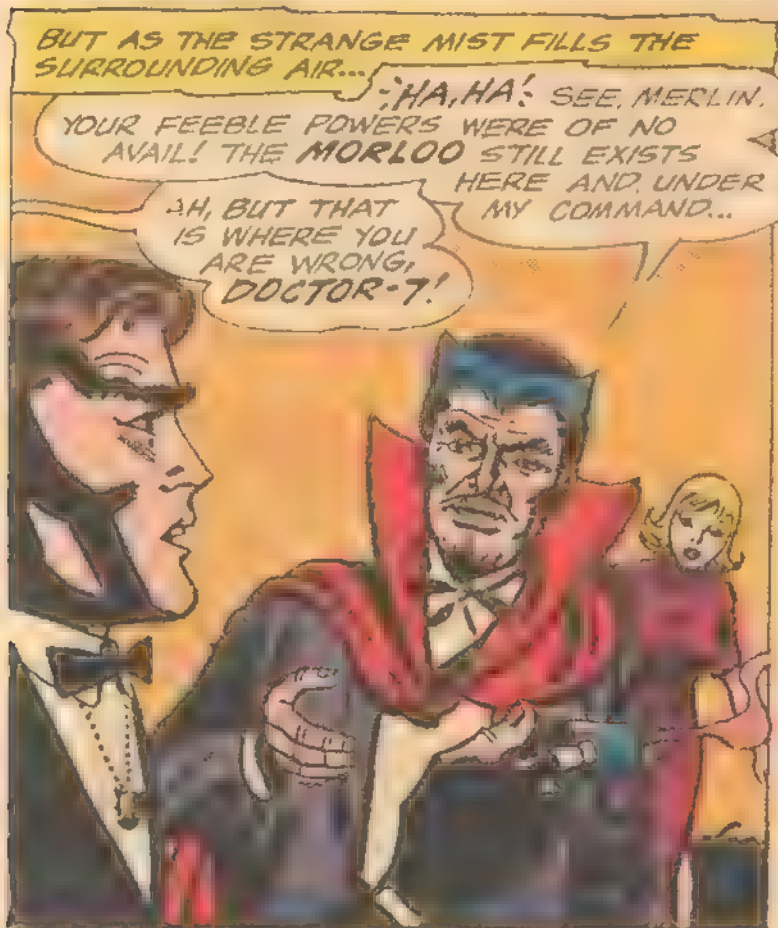
HE'S RIGHT. IT'S A RIVER OF ETERNAL YOUTH!

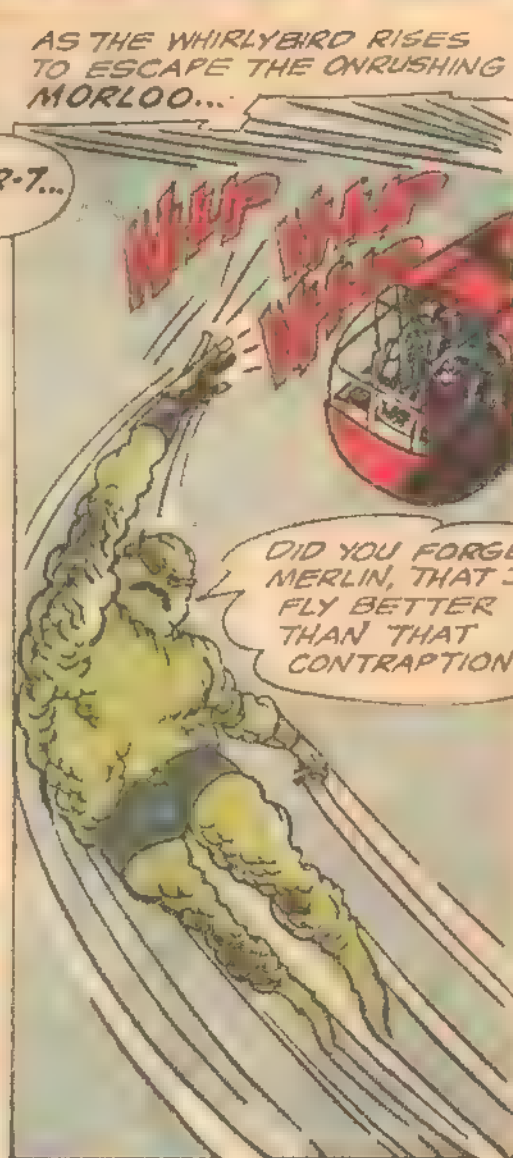
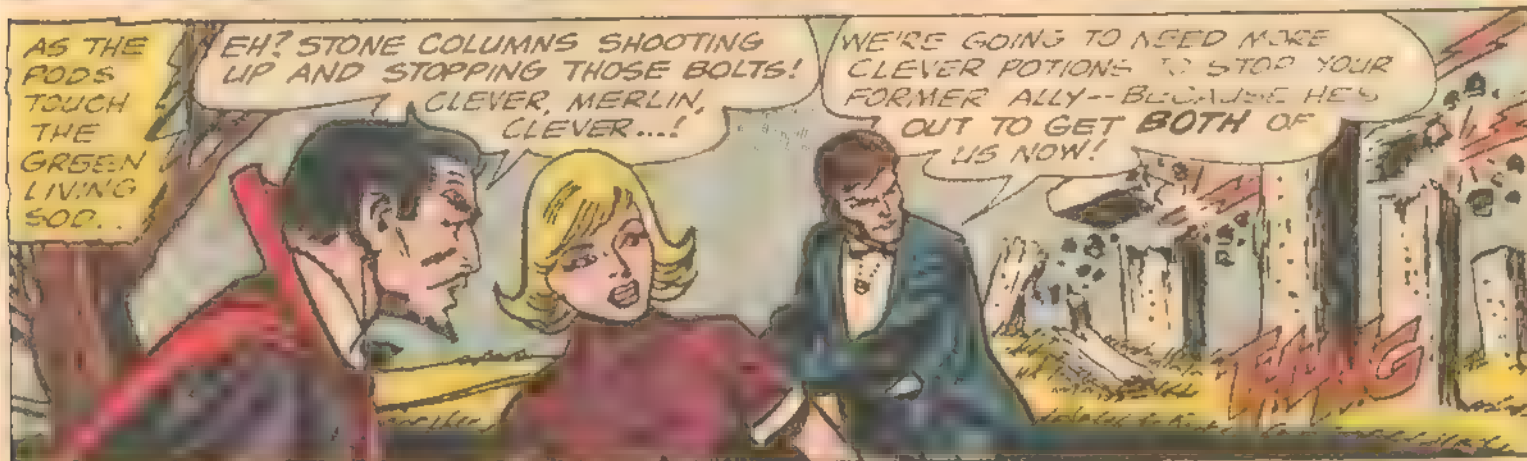




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BUT THEN...

THIS BE-
WITCHED
TWIG OF THE
ANCIENT
DRUIDS IS
OUR ONLY
CHANCE...!

THAT TREE'S
BRANCHES...GROWING
UP TOWARD US
LIKE GIANT
HANDS!

AND AS THE CRIPPLED COPTER IS GENTLY LOWERED
TO EARTH...



ANOTHER
CLEVER
MANEUVER,
MERLIN! WE'RE
SAFE!

BUT ONLY
UNTIL THE
**MORLOO UN-
LEASHES ANOTHER
WHAMMY AT US,
DOCTOR-7!**
ONLY YOU CAN
STOP HIM--ONLY
YOU KNOW THE
FORMULA FOR
SENDING IT BACK
TO WHERE IT
CAME FROM!



I SEE I HAVE
NO CHOICE!
VERY WELL,
THE FORMULA'S
IN MY OLD
LAB NOT
FAR FROM
HERE...

GIVE ELSA THE
DIRECTIONS! SHE CAN
GET IT, WHILE WE
COMBINE OUR MAGIC
POWERS TO HOLD THE
MORLOO OFF!

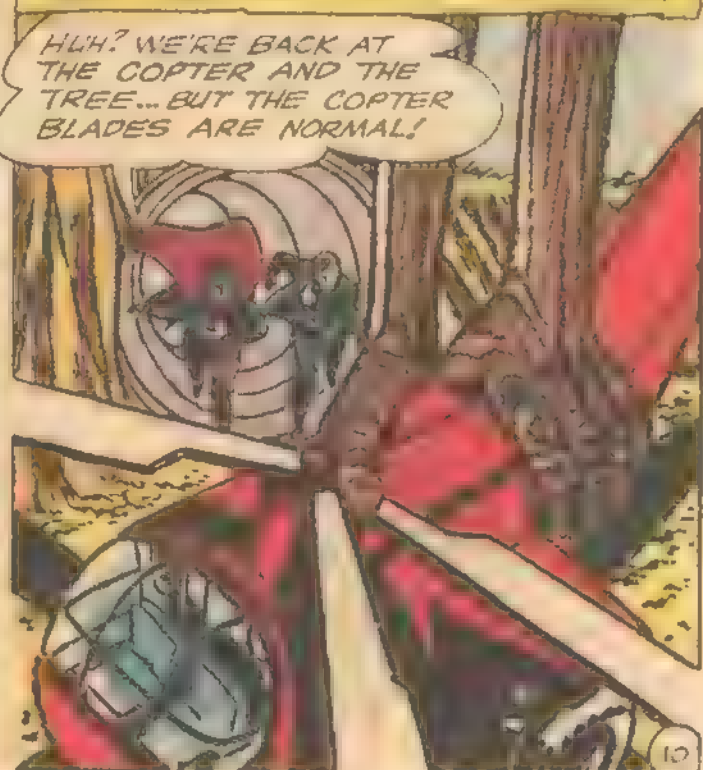


SHORTLY...

THE MORLOO--
IT'S UNLEASHING
A LETHAL BOLT
AT US!

INTO
TH'S
CULVERT--
QUICKLY!

AND AS THE PAIR EMERGES LATER
FROM THE OTHER END OF THE CULVERT...



HUH? WE'RE BACK AT
THE COPTER AND THE
TREE... BUT THE COPTER
BLADES ARE NORMAL!





THIS IS IT! I'VE NO MORE MAGIC GIMMICKS LEFT...

NOW, MERLIN, FEEL THE FULL WRATH OF THE MORLOO... NOT SOME ILLUSION!



BUT JUST THEN...

SPRINT!

ELSA--
THANK
THE STARS!

MY MORLOO--
FADING BACK
TO ITS OWN
WORLD!

YES, DOCTOR--
7--BY MEANS
OF YOUR OWN
POTION THAT
I TRICKED
YOU INTO
REVEALING!

I CONGRATU-
LATE YOU,
MERLIN!
BUT WHY
DON'T WE
REALLY
BECOME
ALLIES? WITH
OUR COMBINED
POWERS--

NOT A
GHOST OF A
CHANCE!
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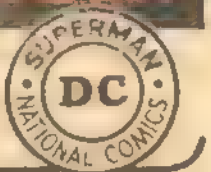
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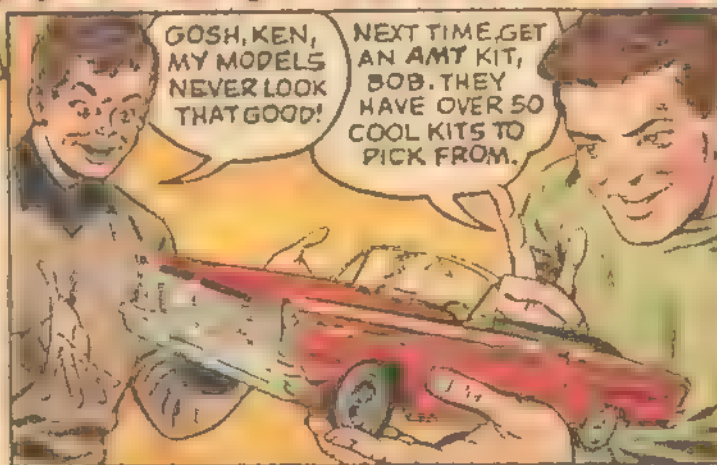
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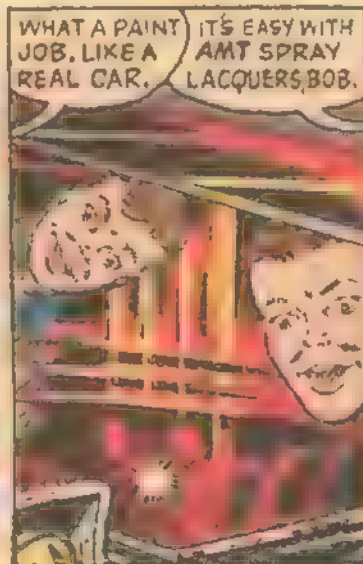
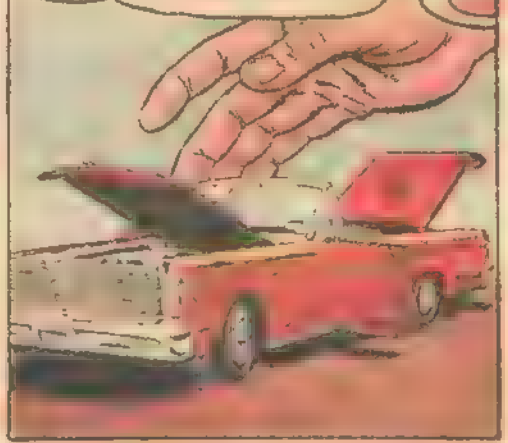
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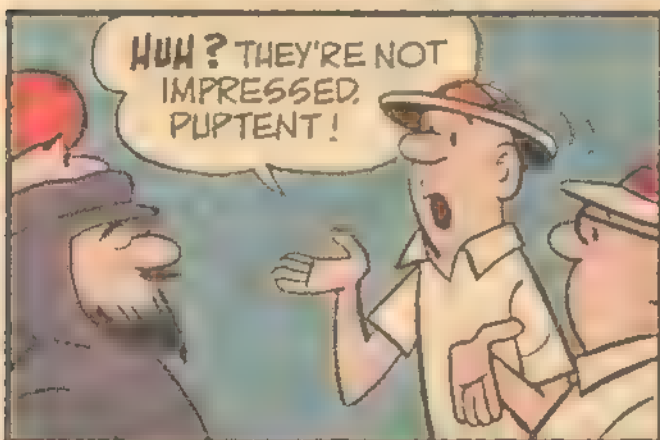


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THE MOONSTONE PEOPLE





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IN A PLANE OVER THE VAST SOUTH ATLANTIC, THREE TENSE PASSENGERS PEER TOWARD A BLACK, VOLCANIC SPECK BELOW...

LOST MAN'S ISLAND! WE'VE FOUND IT! NOW IF ONLY WE CAN FIND ON IT... THE LEGENDARY MOONSTONE!

OH, BRUCE, DO YOU REALLY THINK THE MOONSTONE, IF IT EXISTS, CAN RID YOU OF THE CURSE OF ECLIPSO FOR GOOD?

I DON'T KNOW, MONA HONEY, BUT IT'S WORTH FOLLOWING ANY CLUE, RISKING ANY DANGER, TO RID MYSELF OF MY EVIL OTHER IDENTITY!



SUDDENLY...



A RED RAY FROM THE ISLAND! IT'S SET THE WING AFIRE!

INSTANTLY, BRUCE GORDON ROLLS THE SHIP AWAY FROM THE IGNITING RAY...

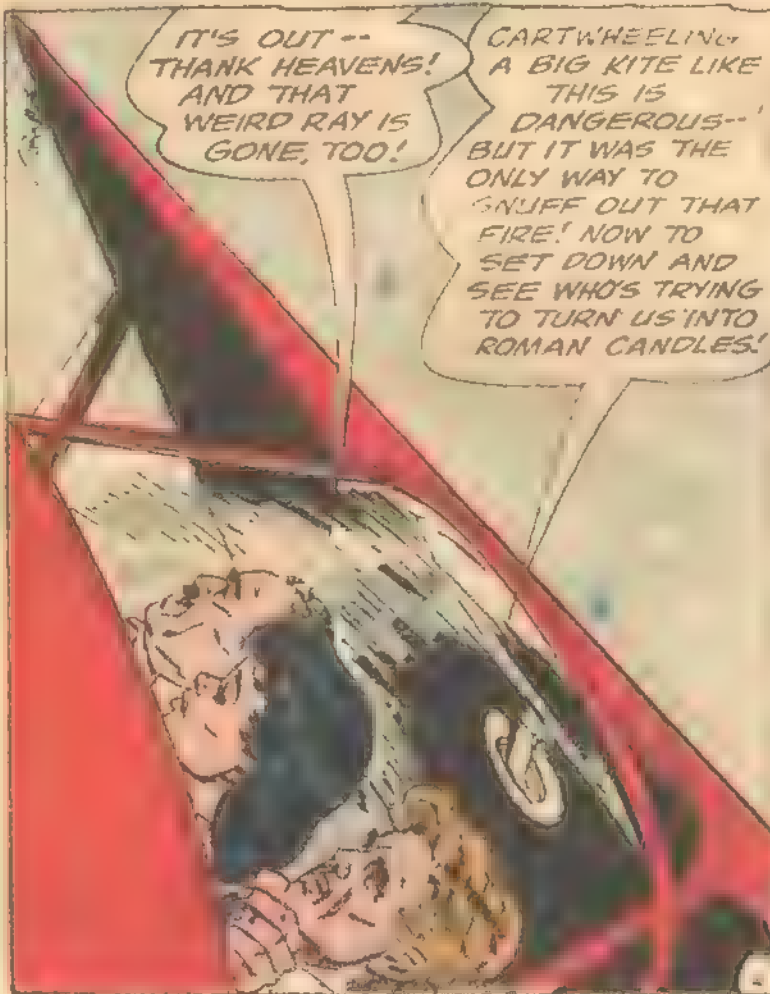
GOOD FLYING, BRUCE! WE'RE CLEAR OF IT-- BUT THE STARBOARD WING-TIP'S STILL BLAZING!



ANOTHER ROLL AND ANOTHER AND...

IT'S OUT -- THANK HEAVENS! AND THAT WEIRD RAY IS GONE, TOO!

CARTWHEELING A BIG KITE LIKE THIS IS DANGEROUS-- BUT IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GUFF OUT THAT FIRE! NOW TO SET DOWN AND SEE WHO'S TRYING TO TURN US INTO ROMAN CANDLES!



SOON, AS THE RENOWNED YOUNG SCIENTIST, PROFESSOR BENNET, AND MONA APPROACH THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND...

SEEMS DESERTED BRUCE: NO SIGN OF ANYTHING THAT COULD'VE PRODUCED THAT RAY...

BUT SOMETHING DID HIT THE PLANE! GREAT ATOMS PROFESSOR-- WHAT IF IT COULD'VE BEEN THE MOONSTONE ITSELF?



THE MOONSTONE REPUTEDLY HAS FANTASTIC PROPERTIES ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND! REMEMBER HOW ANGUS BALFOUR FIRST SIGHTED IT BACK IN 1612...



"HE'D BEEN OBSERVING THE MOON WITH A TELESCOPE - HE'D SUIT A HIGHER OBSERVATORY IN SCOTLAND WHEN

"THAT MOON CHUNK WAS WHITTLED DOWN BY THE FRICTION OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE WHEN IT LANDED NOT FAR FROM BALFOUR'S OBSERVATORY..."

THE 'REASONERS' WERE A GROUP OLD BALFOUR BELONGED TO THAT SOUGHT SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATIONS FOR UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA...

BY THE GREAT CONSTELLATIONS! A PIECE OF THE MOON IS BREAKING OFF AND HURTLING TO EARTH!



WHAT GOOD FORTUNE! THE REASONERS WILL BE INTERESTED IN THIS!



ANGUS BALFOUR, THE MOONSTONE SEEMS TO HAVE STRANGE PROPERTIES! WE MUST MAKE FURTHER TESTS!

AYE! AYE!



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"BUT THE 'REASONERS' LEFT EUROPE SHORTLY, THE VICTIMS OF PREJUDICE AND SUPERSTITION, TAKING THE MOONSTONE WITH THEM..."

WE WILL FIND NEW HOMES IN THE NEW WORLD AND USE THE MOONSTONE'S POWERS FOR GOOD!



YES, BUT THE "REASONERS" WERE NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN, BRUCE! THEY WERE LOST AT SEA!

PERHAPS, MONA!

SAILORS' LEGENDS SAY THEY WERE SHIPWRECKED HERE ON LOST MAN'S ISLAND! IF IT'S TRUE-- MAYBE THE MOONSTONE IS HERE!



AND IF IT'S ON THE ISLAND WHEN THE ECLIPSE THAT'S DUE TODAY OCCURS, PERHAPS, THE MOONSTONE'S EFFECTS WILL PREVENT ECLIPSO FROM SPLITTING OFF FROM MY BODY!

WE'LL SOON KNOW, BRUCE! THE ECLIPSE IS DUE IN A VERY SHORT TIME.

SO ONCE AGAIN, THE YOUNG BENEFACTOR OF HUMANITY PREPARES FOR THE FANTASTIC, UNIQUE TRANSFORMATION THAT SPLITS HIM INTO TWO SEPARATE IDENTITIES...

READY, BRUCE?

READY AS I'LL EVER BE, PROFESSOR! REMEMBER, IF ECLIPSO APPEARS, THOSE HIGH-PHOTON LAMPS MUST BE TRIGGERED INSTANTLY!... BUT I'M PRAYING THE MOONSTONE'S POWERS-- IF IT'S IN THIS VICINITY-- WILL PREVENT THE CHANGE!

AND ONCE AGAIN, ONE OF THE UNIVERSE'S MOST SPECTACULAR EVENTS BEGINS-- A SOLAR ECLIPSE, UNLEASHING ASTRAL FORCES STILL BEYOND MORTAL KNOWLEDGE OR CONTROL...





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BUT AS THE SHADOW OF THE MOON PASSING OVER THE SUN SWEEPS ACROSS THE EARTH...

BLAST IT! THE **MOONSTONE** -- IF IT'S HERE -- IS NOT HAVING ANY EFFECT! **ECLIPSO** IS SPLITTING OFF FROM BRUCE ANYWAY!

OH, NO! THE WHOLE TRIP'S A FAILURE!

AND AS THE MASTER OF EVIL EMERGES TOTALLY FROM THE YOUNG SCIENTIST'S UNCONSCIOUS BODY...

GREAT STARS! I'VE SEEN IT A DOZEN TIMES -- BUT NEVER GET USED TO IT! I'VE GOT TO SEND **ECLIPSO** RIGHT BACK WHERE HE CAME FROM...

BUT BEFORE PROFESSOR BENNET CAN ACTIVATE THE BATTERY LAMPS...

UGGH!

AND IN THE DARKNESS OF THE ECLIPSE, A FAMILIAR, MOCKING LAUGH IS HEARD AGAIN...

HA! HA! HA! I'M FREE AGAIN!

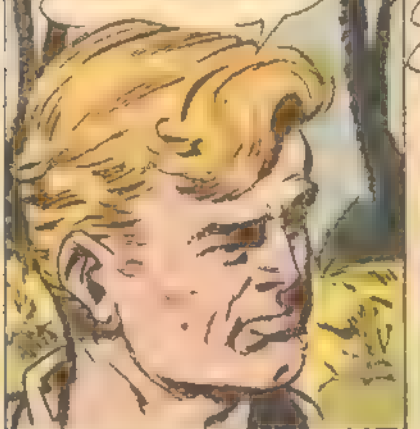
DAD! BRUCE! **ECLIPSO**... HE'S GOTTEN AWAY!

SOON, AS THE ECLIPSE WANES, AND THE TWO MEN REVIVE...

SO THIS ISLAND'S NOT DESERTED! YOU WERE AMBUSHED, AND AT THE WORST POSSIBLE MOMENT! **ECLIPSO'S** ON THE LOOSE AGAIN!

AND OUR PHOTON LAMPS ARE SMASHED!

WE'VE GOT TO TRACK ECLIPSO DOWN, AND FIND SOME OTHER MEANS OF RETURNING HIM TO MY BODY! LET'S GO!

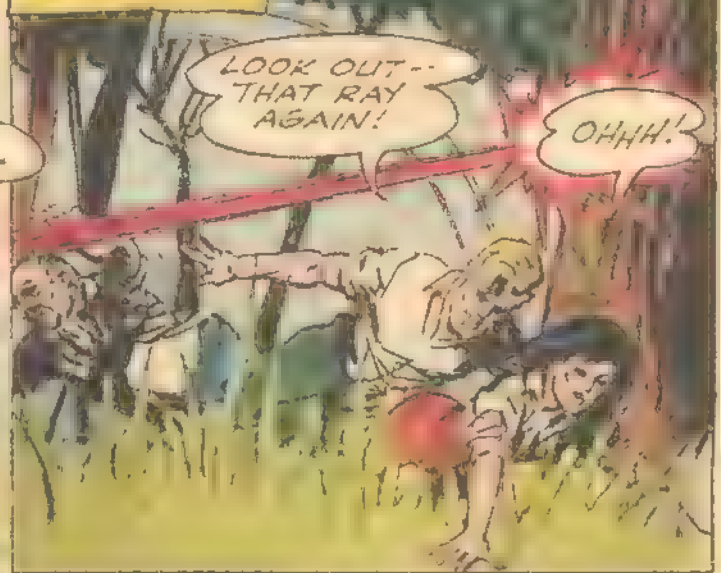


SHORTLY, AS THE THREESOME MOVE THROUGH DENSE BRUSH...

SOMEBODY CAME THIS WAY! ECLIPSO... AND WHO ELSE?



SUDDENLY...



THE NEXT MOMENT AS THE TRIO PEERS THROUGH SMOKING FOLIAGE AT...

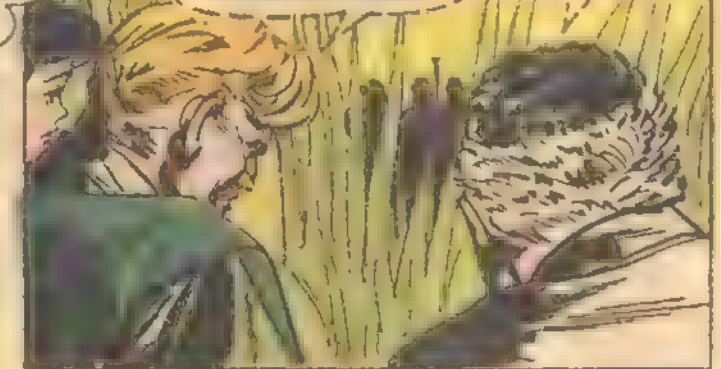
I THINK YE DESTROYED THOSE EVIL INTRUDERS FOR FAIR THIS TIME, BALFOUR!



AYE, THE MOONSTONE GUN HAS SAVED US JUST AS IT DID OUR ANCESTORS IN THE PAST!

GOOD GYROS! MONA... PROFESSOR! THEY'RE DESCENDANTS OF THE "REASONERS"... LIVING UNKNOWN ON THIS ISLAND! AND THEY'VE GOT THE MOONSTONE!

A PIECE OF IT, ANYWAY! IT IS FANTASTIC, BRUCE--BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL!



BUT BRUCE SUDDENLY RISES, AND...



I'M GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE-- SPEAK TO THEM! FRIENDS! I GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF REASON AND PEACE!

FOR AN ETERNITY, THE ODD WEAPON COVERS
BRUCE--BUT THEN...

I AM DR. BRUCE
GORDON, A SCIENTIST!
PLEASE BELIEVE ME...

YOU HAVE AN HONEST
FACE, DR. GORDON!
WE BELIEVE YOU! I
AM ROBERT BALFOUR,
THE LEADER HERE!
WE THOUGHT YOUR
STRANGE FLYING
MACHINE WAS BRINGING
MORE OF THE EVIL MEN
WHO ARRIVED A FEW
DAYS AGO!

HMM--THOSE MEN
MUST BE **ECLIPSO'S**
THUGS WHO WERE
WAITING TO AMBUSH
US AND FREE HIM!

PLEASE
COME TO
OUR VILLAGE,
STRANGERS!

ECLIPSO KNEW ABOUT OUR
PLANNED TRIP AND MADE

ADVANCE
PREPARATIONS
DURING HIS LAST
APPEARANCE,
NO DOUBT!

AS THE ASTOUNDING CASTAWAYS LEAD THE WAY
TO THEIR SETTLEMENT...

HERE WE HAVE LIVED HAPPILY FAR
FROM THE WORLD'S TROUBLES!
WHEN ANY INTRUDERS CAME TO
TRY AND SEIZE THE **MOONSTONE**--
WE USED ITS POWERS
TO DRIVE THEM AWAY!

IN A WELL-EQUIPPED
LAB...

WE HAVE DEVELOPED
OUR SCIENCE USING
THE **MOONSTONE'S**
PROPERTIES IN VARIOUS
WAYS! WHEN THOSE
TWO INTRUDERS ARRIVED,
THEY TRIED TO STEAL
THESE BITS OF THE
MOONSTONE--
BUT THEY
FAILED!

IF THESE ARE
JUST PIECES OF
THE **MOONSTONE**,
WHERE IS THE
REST OF IT?

THE MAIN
PART OF IT, WE
PUT IN A SAFE
PLACE--UP
THERE--IN
THE VOLCANO'S
CORE!



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AND AS THE "REASONER" COLONY'S LEADER POINTS UPWARD...

LOOK! THREE FIGURES CLIMBING TOWARD THE VOLCANO SUMMIT!

ECLIPSO AND HIS HIRELINGS! I'LL BET THEY'RE AFTER THE MOONSTONE! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!



SOON, TAKING A SHORT-CUT KNOWN TO THE ISLAND'S STRANGE INHABITANTS...

THERE THEY ARE-- JUST GOING OVER THE VOLCANO RIM...

I WILL DESTROY THEM WITH THE MOONSTONE GUN!



BUT... NO! THIS ECLIPSO MUST BE CAPTURED--NOT HARMED! THE REASON MUST REMAIN MY SECRET!



THEY'VE GOTTEN OVER THE RIM! LET'S GET AFTER THEM!

BUT AS ECLIPSO AND HIS COMPANIONS RACE UP TO THE VOLCANO RIM...

ECLIPSO... HE TOPPLED OVER THE INSTANT HE TOUCHED THE MOONSTONE! WITHOUT HIM-- WE'RE NO MATCH FOR GORDON AND THE OTHERS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



...ECLIPSO'S MEN ARE ABANDONING HIM! COULD HE BE DEAD?

NO, PROFESSOR! HE'D WOULD I BE! I DON'T FORGET HE'S PART OF ME! CAREFUL, IT MAY BE A TRICK!



JUST THEN...

THOSE TWO HENCHMEN ARE GETTING AWAY, BRUCE! THEY MUST'VE HAD THAT BOAT HIDDEN IN A COVE!

OF ALL THE LUCK-- AND THEY'RE TAKING MY SECRET WITH THEM!

I DO NOT KNOW YOUR SECRET, DR. GORDON-- BUT THOSE TWO WILL NEVER REVEAL IT... NOW!

GREAT ATOMS! THAT GUN'S FANTASTIC! IT MUST WORK BY INFRA-RED WAVE LENGTHS!

AS THE TWO THUGS LEAP ASHORE FROM THE FLAMING CRAFT...

CORRECT! ALSO, IT HAS A SIDE EFFECT OF ERASING ALL RECENT MEMORY-- SOMETHING WE DEVELOPED SO THAT WHOEVER CAME SEEKING THE **MOONSTONE** WOULD GO AWAY REMEMBERING NOTHING OF IT!



NOW TO SEE ABOUT **ECLIPSO**! TOO BAD WE HAVEN'T ANY HIGH INTENSITY LIGHT SOURCE TO SEND HIM BACK INTO MY BODY, PROFESSOR!

YES, BUT AT LEAST THAT **MOONSTONE** SEEMS TO HAVE RENDERED HIM HELPLESS!

BUT AS THEY NEAR THE INERT MASTER OF EVIL...

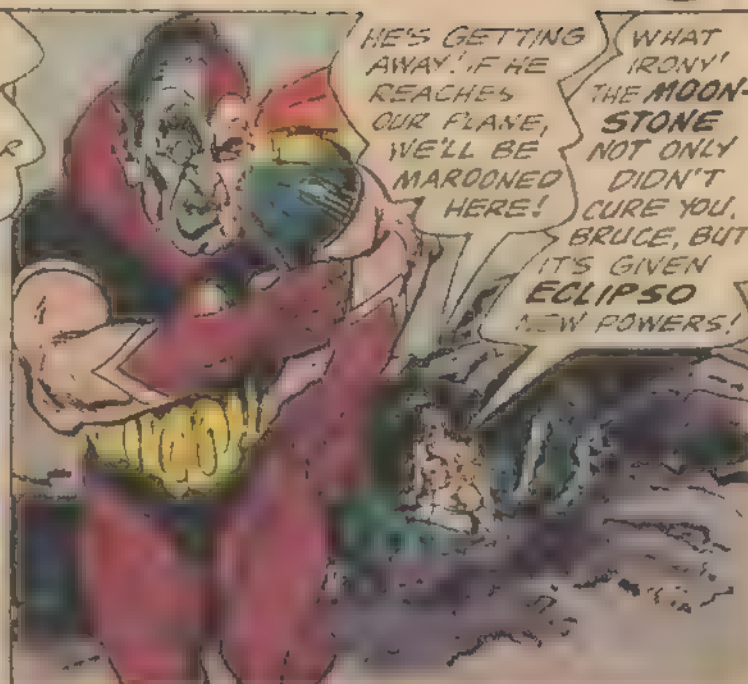
LOOK OUT! HE'S ON HIS FEET-- AND HIS FACE IS GIVING OFF A SPECTRUM GLOW!

YES, BRUCE GORDON! THE **MOONSTONE'S** AURA ONLY WEAKENED ME BRIEFLY... BUT IT HAS GIVEN ME IMMENSE NEW POWERS WHICH WILL MAKE ME UNBEATABLE!





EXACTLY, PROFESSOR! A FORCE FIELD TO "FORCE" A CLEAR "FIELD FOR MYSELF." HA, HA, HA!



WHAT IRONY! THE MOON-STONE NOT ONLY DIDN'T CURE YOU, BRUCE, BUT IT'S GIVEN ECLIPSO NEW POWERS!

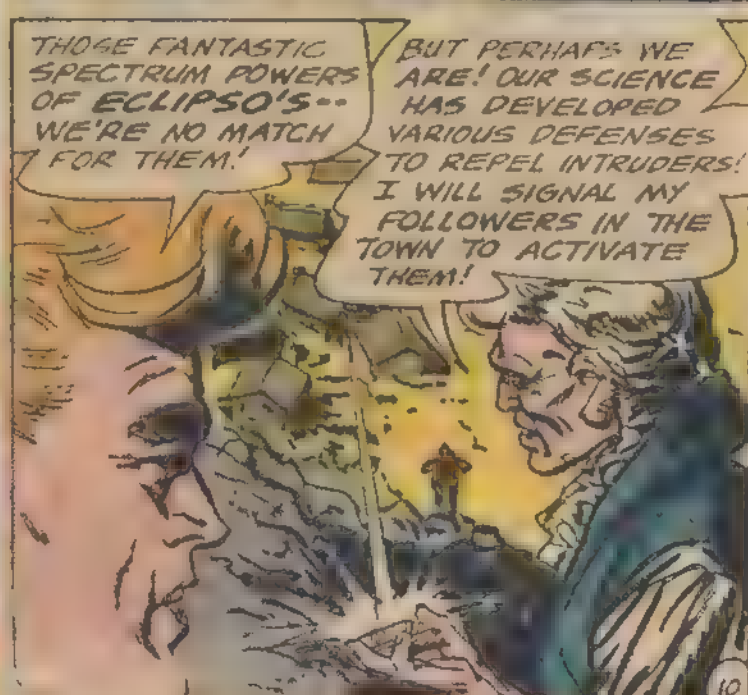


PERHAPS I CAN HALT THAT ECLIPSO WITH... A CIRCLE OF FIRE!



BUT THE NEXT MOMENT, THE SPECTRUM POWER OF ECLIPSO FLASHES OUT, AND...

TO CANCEL THAT CIRCLE OF FIRE-- I'LL JUST EXCAVATE A CIRCLE OF SMOTHERING EARTH!



THOSE FANTASTIC SPECTRUM POWERS OF ECLIPSO'S-- WE'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM!

BUT PERHAPS WE ARE! OUR SCIENCE HAS DEVELOPED VARIOUS DEFENSES TO REPEL INTRUDERS! I WILL SIGNAL MY FOLLOWERS IN THE TOWN TO ACTIVATE THEM!

AND AS ECLIPSO PASSES NEAR THE ISLANDERS' SETTLEMENT.

WHAT? A GIANT MACHINE ATTACKING ME!

THE NEXT MOMENT...

THERE! OUR DEFENDER MACHINE HAS ENARED THAT ECLIPSO IN A METAL MESH!

BUT IT WON'T HOLD HIM LONG!... YOUR LAR, BALFOUR-- I MUST BORROW SOMETHING FROM IT!

AS BRUCE DASHES OFF, THE SPECTRUM RAY BLAZES FORTH AGAIN--AND...

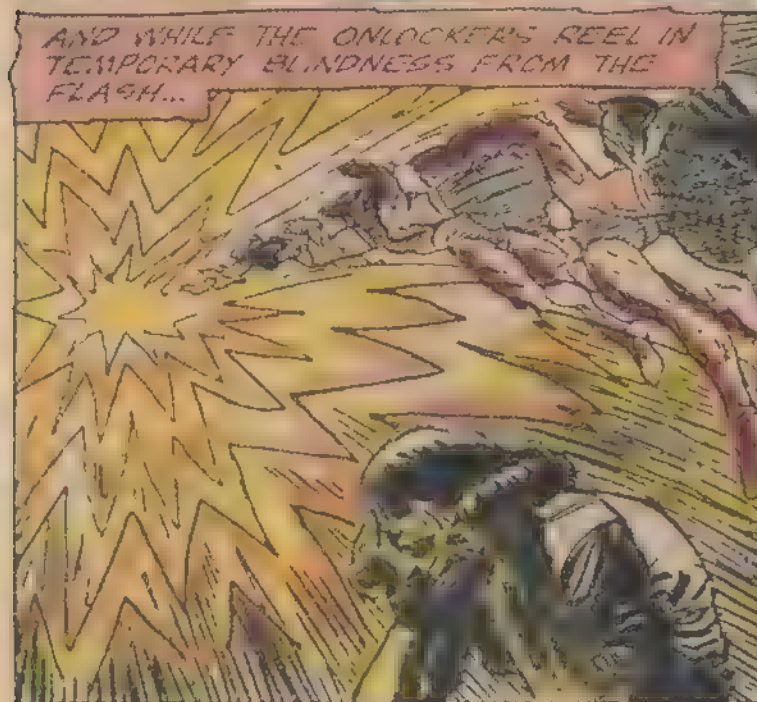
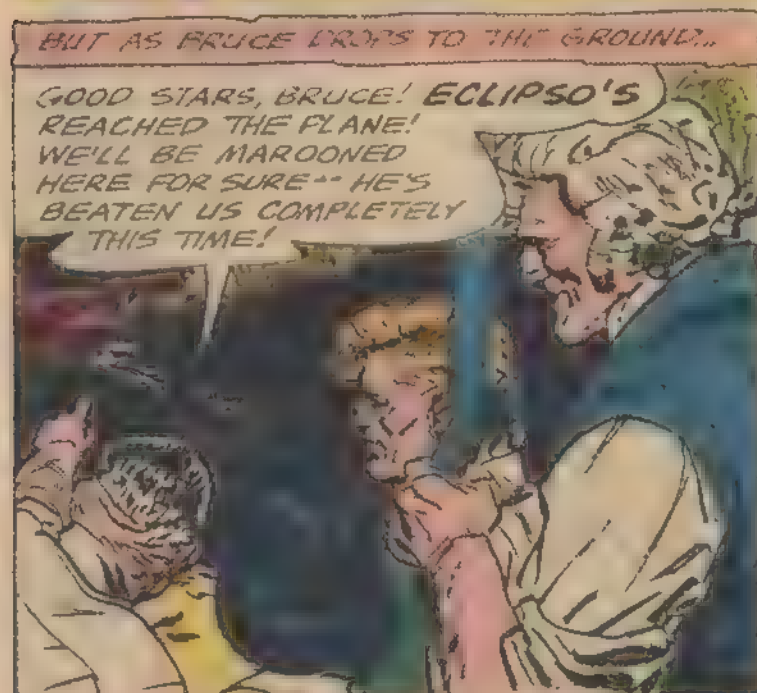
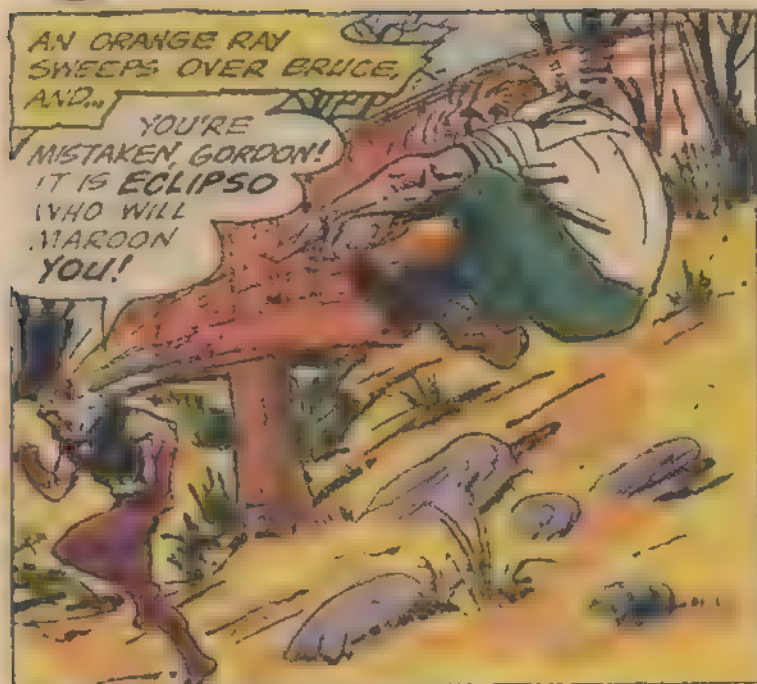
ECLIPSO'S HOMBARDING THE MACHINE WITH THE SPECTRUM'S VIOLET RAY--

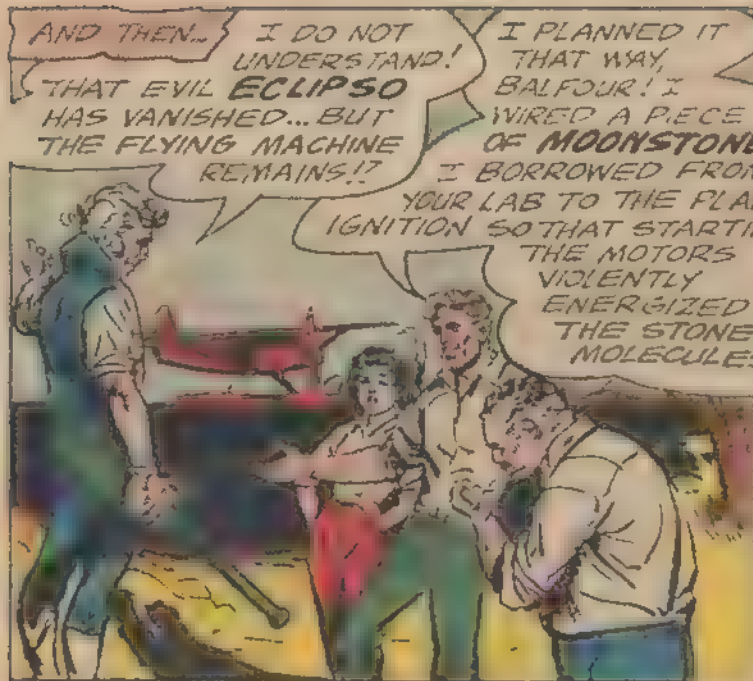
THE MACHINE--IT'S WRECKED! THOSE VIOLET BEAMS HAD THE POWER OF A MILLION X-RAYS! ECLIPSO'S FREE!

AND AS ECLIPSO ONCE MORE TRIUMPHS OVER THE BARRIERS IN HIS PATH...

WOW! PROFESSOR! NO USE! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE PLANE AND MAROON ECLIPSO HERE! HURRY!

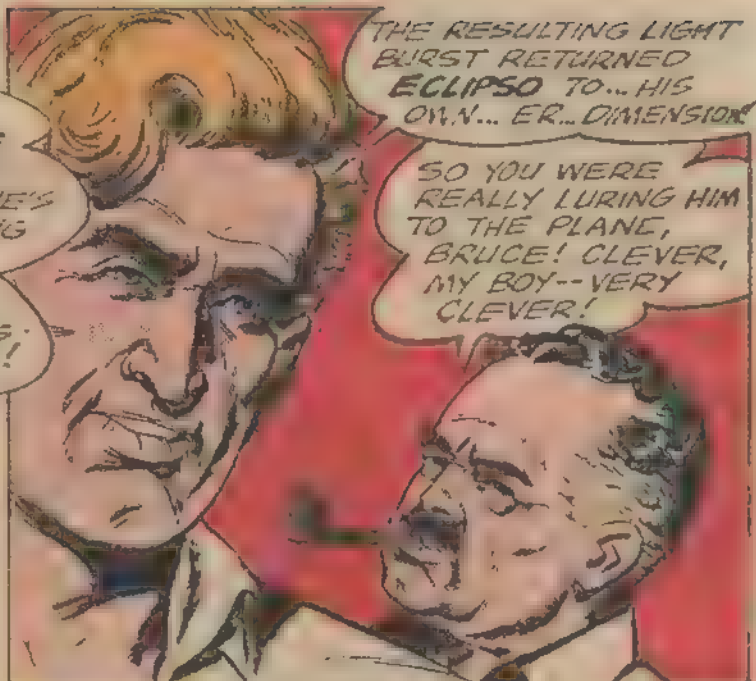
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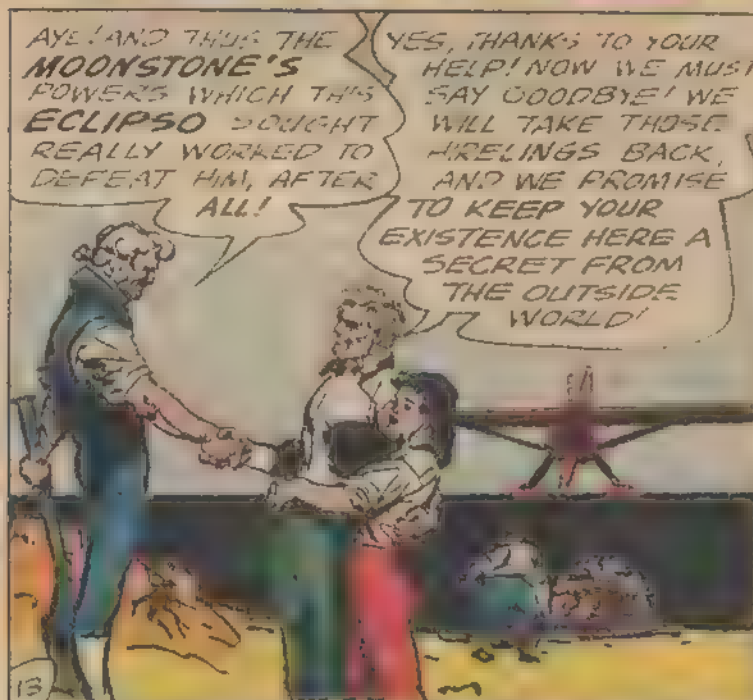
AND THEN... I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! THAT EVIL **ECLIPSO** HAS VANISHED... BUT THE FLYING MACHINE REMAINS!?

I PLANNED IT THAT WAY, BALFOUR! I WIRED A PIECE OF **MOONSTONE** I BORROWED FROM YOUR LAB TO THE PLANE'S IGNITION SO THAT STARTING THE MOTORS VIOLENTLY ENERGIZED THE STONE'S MOLECULES!



THE RESULTING LIGHT BURST RETURNED **ECLIPSO** TO... HIS OWN... ER... DIMENSION!

SO YOU WERE REALLY LURING HIM TO THE PLANE, BRUCE! CLEVER, MY BOY--VERY CLEVER!



AYE! AND THUS THE **MOONSTONE'S** POWERS WHICH THIS **ECLIPSO** BOUGHT REALLY WORKED TO DEFEAT HIM, AFTER ALL!

YES, THANKS TO YOUR HELP! NOW WE MUST SAY GOODBYE! WE WILL TAKE THOSE HIRELINGS BACK, AND WE PROMISE TO KEEP YOUR EXISTENCE HERE A SECRET FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD!



SHORTLY...

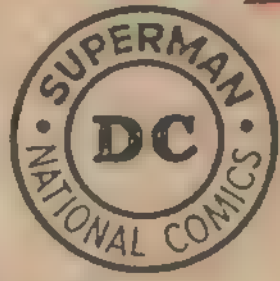
WHAT A FANTASTIC PLACE.. AND WHAT AN INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE!

THE FANTASTIC IS ROUTINE WHEN **ECLIPSO'S** AROUND HONEY! WHO KNOWS WHAT AMAZING SURPRISES HE'LL SPRING NEXT TIME HE APPEARS?

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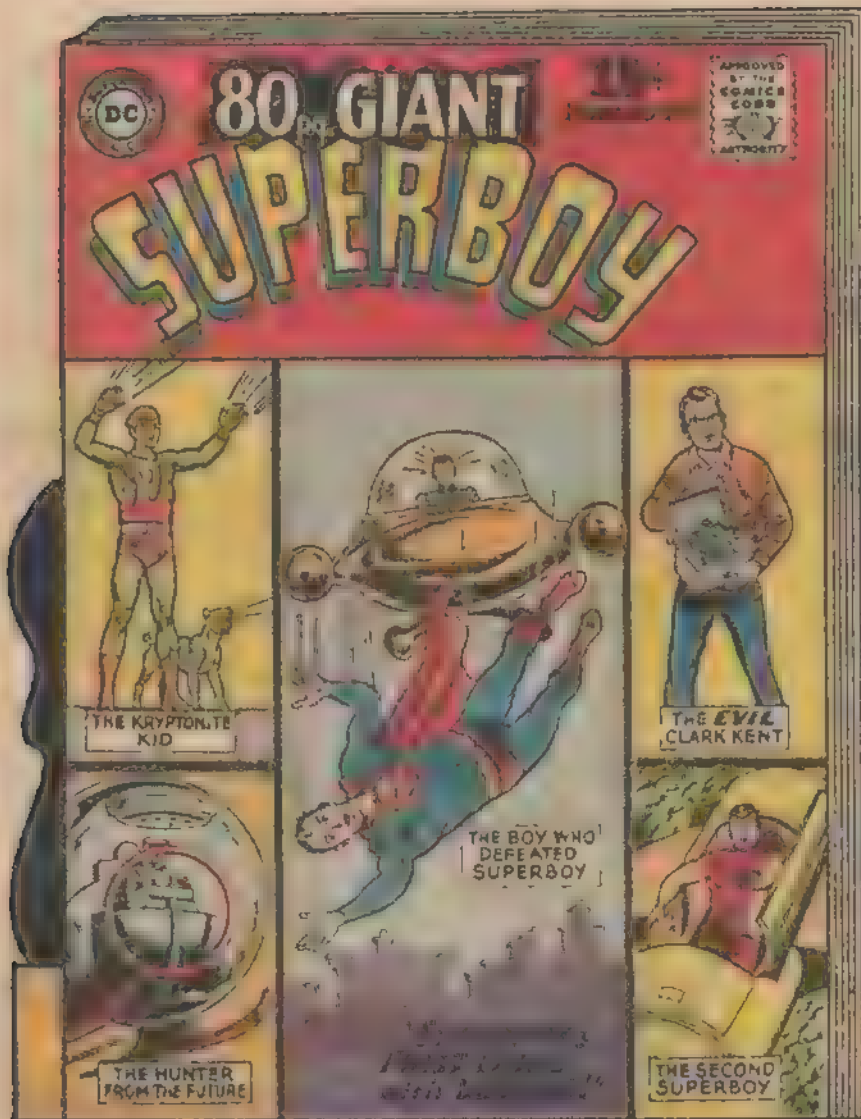
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FANTASTIC feats of memory are almost a commonplace. But the mental achievements of Elijah, Chief Rabbi of Lithuania, in the 19th century, has puzzled scientists for years.

According to historians, the Rabbi possessed such an incredible memory that all he had to do was read a book in a normal manner, and he automatically memorized every single word of it! According to records of the time, he committed to memory 2,500 volumes, without exerting the slightest effort to do so. He knew by heart, line by line, word for word, the complete Old Testament, Midrash, Sifre Tosefta, Seder Olam, the Talmuds, the Zohar, the Code, Rashi, and countless other religious works.

Regarded with awe as the mental marvel of his time, the Rabbi could quote any passage at will of the 2,500 volumes he had committed to memory!

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Aleuromancy is the name given for telling the future by means of flour. It was believed that by scrawling a message on dough, then baking it, somehow, the future would be divined. This belief dates all the way back to ancient times. The use of Chinese fortune cookies is supposed to be an outgrowth of this ancient form of prophecy.

An incredible example of aleuromancy occurred in France, in the 15th century. According to legend, a hunchback named Edward was trapped on the roof of a burning building. Feeling the flames licking ever higher, he chose quick death, and leaped from the roof to the ground. Doctors said his back was injured and that he would surely die.

You can imagine the awe with which, soon after, he opened the oven and beheld the finished product—the dough had formed itself into an image of *himself*. But there was one startling difference—in the baked image, he was no longer hunchbacked.

The most extraordinary part of this legend

was yet to come. About a year later, Edward was trapped on the roof of a burning building. Feeling the flames licking ever higher, he chose quick death, and leaped from the roof to the ground. Doctors said his back was injured and that he would surely die.

But Edward did not die. He not only recovered, but his back was straightened by the accident—just as had been predicted!

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The ancient Egyptians believed that numbers possessed occult connotations and magical properties. Odd numbers were considered lucky; even numbers, they believed, provoked attacks by spirits and demons.

The number most often used in incantations was three. Similarly, nine (the square of three), and multiples of this number possessed mystic implications. Seven was another number favored in all occult ceremonies.

The ancient Greek philosophers and mathematicians believed that ten was the numerical symbol and representation of Atlas, who upholds the universe. Five represented justice.

Numbers played a significant part in the coven—the name given the club or society of witches. Each coven contained exactly 13 members, the thirteenth being the leader. All of the members used passwords expressed in numbers, or combination of numbers. In Italian covens, the password was 6 and 7.

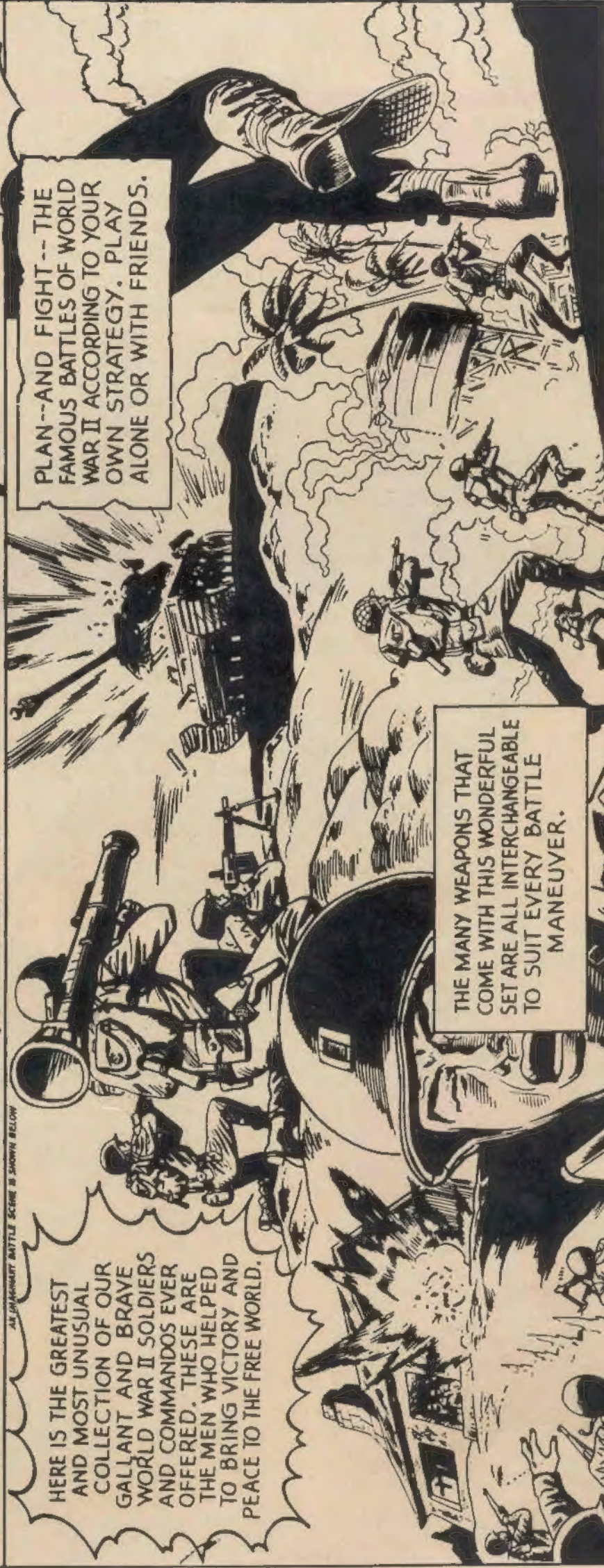
Numerical amulets were used to keep away evil spirits. One of the most frequent types of formula was the magic square:

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